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Dear Mr. Garrow:

After reading your article "ANALYSIS: New 'leads' in the King case invariably go nowhere," (*AJ&C,* 3-29-98), I think you might be interested in a letter I wrote Cynthia Tucker responding to what I thought was a heavy handed piece on the Kings.

A few comments: Seems the FBI can't resist the chance to enhance their long record of less than reassuring statements: They trashed the credibility of Wilson's proffered evidence without even looking at it. No interest. Then FBI spokesman Frank G. Scafidi is quoted in *The New York Times* (3-25-98) as saying that Wilson, if what he says is true, might have obstructed justice. Well, yeah, he might have, but how are they going to find out unless you look at the papers?

Gerald Posner? Shortly after he published *Case Closed* in which he presumed to a have disposed of any possibility of conspiracy in the Kennedy assassination, Harold Weisberg, acknowledged almost universally as one of the foremost researchers of that case, wrote a devastating critique of it, *Case Open.* Weisberg is now writing a rebuttal to Posner's *Killing The Dream.* If Weisberg survives the writing of this book, he is now quite elderly and ill, I'm sure Posner will not come out unscathed.

Note that Ray said he had no recollection of the notes Wilson had or any knowledge of Ruby. One might expect that he would say otherwise. (AJ&C, 3-27-98)

What he did say was that he would like to see the classified records of his case revealed. (AJ&C, 3-27-9) Now what might these records be? Why are they still classified? For some of that unbelievable story read Weisberg's book about Ray. And today the Memphis prosecutors are still behaving exactly like they did then.

I think Ray was involved but not as the shooter and quite possibly was ignorant of his role in the plot. I don't think much of Mr. Pepper, Ray's lawyer. But I do think there was a conspiracy, though not one as described by Mr. Posner, or Mr. Pepper. But it wouldn't take a great deal to persuade me that the FBI of Hoover's day was involved.

And for once I'd like to see a main stream media person—not agree necessarily with a conspiracy theory—but simply take seriously the fact that there are many serious, intelligent and concerned people out here who think this matter has not been handled with integerity.

Surely it's not asking too much that Mrs. King's request for a reopening of the case not be denied. We as a nation owe her that. But, Janet Reno, by saying the matter must be handled by the FBI, makes this very unlikely. . .to say the least.